

WHOLESALE FROM THE LARGE ROOMS

ALMAS' CEREMONIAL.

Almas Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., had a largely attended ceremonial session Monday night. A big class of candidates glided gracefully through the mazes of initiation. Several well-known business men were on the list. Following the ceremonial came the traditional banquet, at which there was the customary festivity. The year has been a very prosperous one for Almas, and Potentate Raymond was the recipient of many congratulations for the good work done by the temple during the year. A feature of the "traditional" was the presentation to each person present of a tiny ton of coal.

CLOSING ALMAS' YEAR.

At the November session of Almas Temple officers will be elected for the ensuing year. There is a very pretty contest on for the office of illustrious potentate, the following worthy nobles being most prominent in the running: William F. Gude, Edwin B. Hay and Fred W. Behrens. The shrine will fare well under the direction of any one of the three.

Almas Temple has seven living honorary members, as follows: Sam Briggs, Al Koran Temple, Cleveland; Joseph B. Ekins, George W. Miller, James McGee, Charles T. Griffith, all of Mecca Temple, New York; David F. Pennington, Bount Temple, Baltimore, and Thomas F. Walsh, El Jebel Temple, Denver.

George H. Walker has served twelve years as a representative to the imperial council, Harrison Dingman ten years, Harry Standford six and Frank H. Thomas seven. All are widely known in Masonic circles through the nation. Almas has for many years been the pleasant custom of sending its sitting potentate as first imperial representative. It will doubtless pursue that same course at the coming election.

THE WHITE SHRINE.

The organization of the new White Shrine of Jerusalem was completed last night at Naval Lodge Hall on Pennsylvania Avenue southeast. The supreme chancellor obligated the officers. There was a good attendance, and the new Shrine promises to become a distinct success. Mrs. John R. Adams, formerly worthy matron of Martha Chapter, O. E. S., is worthy high priestess of the new Shrine and it is well officered throughout. The White Shrine bears the same relationship to the Order of the Eastern Star that Royal Arch Masonry does to the Blue Lodge, no person being admitted unless they are members in good standing in the Eastern Star, nor permitted to continue as members after losing their membership in that body. It is in no sense a competitor of the Eastern Star, but seeks to aid that order by promoting its growth and influence.

A MACCABEE MASON.

At the last meeting of the New Jerusalem Lodge, F. A. A. M., State commander D. W. Gall, of the Maccabees, was introduced as a new affiliated member.

THE GIFT TO GOODWIN.

Grand Representative F. A. Stier, of this city, was one of the participants in the presentation at Des Moines, of a fine silver set to the new grand sire, John B. Goodwin, of Georgia. The gift was made by the personal friends of Mr. Goodwin rather than the Odd Fellows themselves, and was particularly happy on account of the fact that the day was the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin's twenty-five years of married life, and the fifty-second anniversary of Mr. Goodwin's birth, and the day of his installation as grand sire. The presentation speech was made by Past Grand Sire Underwood, who said in part:

"Hon. Grand Sire and Mrs. Goodwin: We have assembled this morning in remembrance of a little affair that occurred just twenty-five years ago today in the early history of your happy life. In memory of this, the fifty-second anniversary of Mr. Goodwin's birth, the twenty-fifth anniversary of your happy wedding, and the day of your installation in the best order in the world, I wish to present you with this set of silver in behalf of your friends and brothers. We cannot express exactly what we felt because of the dearth of words even of our orator, Mr. Griffin. So we hope that you will take the deed as an expression of the intent. Further utterance is impossible, as our hearts overflowed into our mouths and our flow of words. This silver service, a memento of your silver wedding, is inscribed with the letter G, which stands for Good and Goodwin, synonyms."

SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

The members of the District of Columbia Corps, Spanish War Veterans, are still congratulating themselves on the splendid success of the Washington delegation at the recent national assembly at Detroit. The District secured four national officers, with the probability almost the certainty of securing two others—the adjutant general and his assistant. The four officers from this city are Gen. M. Emmet Urell, commander-in-chief; Capt. G. Leyburn Shroyer, of John Jacob Astor Command, member of the council of administration; Capt. J. Walter Mitchell, of Gen. Nelson A. Miles Command, No. 1, national historian, and Col. Herbert W. Meyers, adjutant-general.

Col. Lee M. Lipscomb, past commander of the District Corps, offered a resolution, which was adopted by the national assembly, making the late President McKinley the only honorary member of the organization during its existence. This, he said, would be a lasting monument to a great and good man and an honored comrade of the war with Spain.

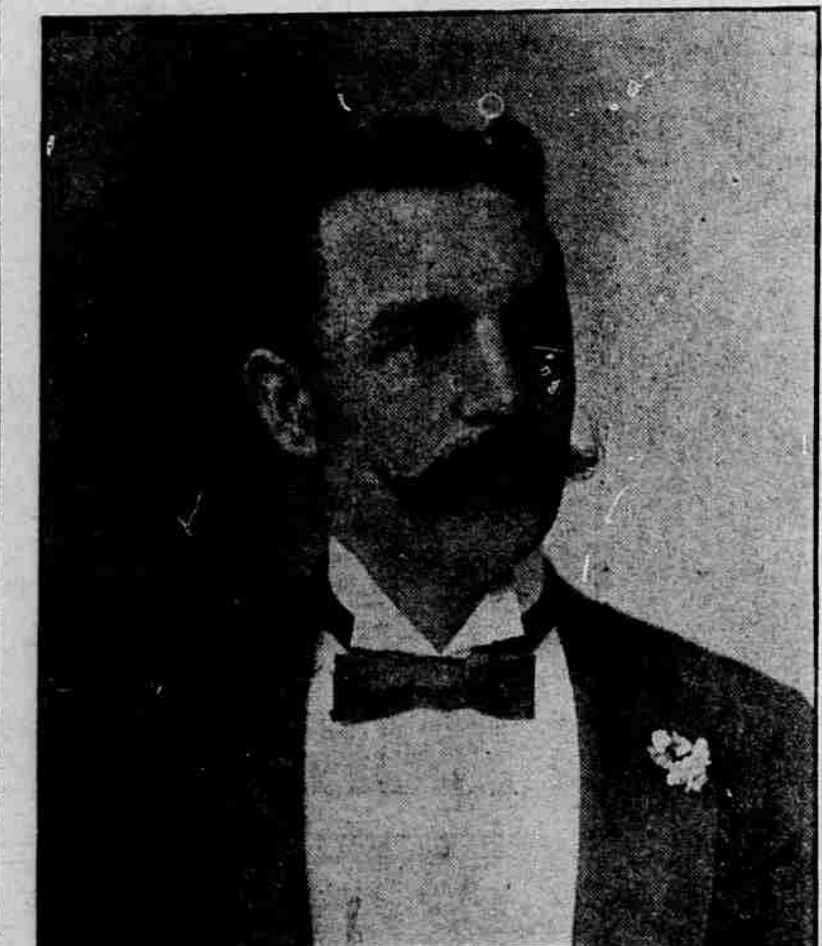
Col. Herbert W. Meyers, of the District Corps, also introduced two important resolutions, which were adopted. One of these provided for the appointment of a national historian, the other that Congress be urged to establish in Washington a museum of war, to contain relics of all wars, from the Revolution to the recent siege of Peking, as "a living monument to American soldiers of all wars."

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Now that the national convention at Detroit has passed into history the members of the District Corps are busy themselves to make their end of the Grand Army encampment a success. Col. Lee M. Lipscomb, chairman of the general committee on the corps of veterans of the war with Spain and the incident insurrection in the Philippines, has appointed all his subcommittees, and the outlook is encouraging, he says.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles Command, No. 1,

Tent 3, has done well. It suffered loss by withdrawals, but it has more than made the loss good in new members. The committee on entertainment has an interesting program for the last review in each month. * * * Golden Rule Tent 3, has fitted up the handsome hall in the city at 429 Ninth Street northwest, and is having a good attendance. * * * National Tent 1, has been holding a series of open meetings for the purpose of enlarging the membership and enlisting the members in the field work. The goal is 1,000 members by the end of the year.



J. HENRY SMALL, JR.

Past Grand Master J. Henry Small, Jr., was born in this city in 1855, and is the son of a prominent Mason, who has been for more than half a century closely identified with the business interests of the National Capital. He graduated from the public schools of this city before he attained his majority, and soon afterward became associated with his father in the florist business, in which he has ever since continued and in which he has achieved marked success. Mr. Small's identification with the institution of Free Masonry began soon after his majority, when he was raised and exalted into the Blue Lodge, No. 1, in the East in this lodge he passed through the official positions in Lafayette Royal Arch Chapter, serving as E. H. P. during a capital year of 1897. But his activity did not stop here. He has taken much interest in the promotion of the prosperity of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, and has been eminent commander of that body, which is the highest of the commanderies of this city. Mr. Small is president of the Masonic Temple Association.

The old pioneer organization, will hold an important meeting next Tuesday evening at Spanish War Veterans' Hall, 612 E Street northwest, which will be attended by some of the visiting veterans of the war with Spain.

The District Auxiliary, Spanish War Veterans, also secured a number of offices in the National Auxiliary during its convention at Detroit. Among these were: Mrs. Lewis, president; Mrs. Hoyt A. Holton and Miss Agnes L. Little, national secretaries; Mrs. E. Gertrude Mitchell, national conductress; Mrs. Hayek, national guard; Miss Harriet E. Hawley, chairman of the national council of administration, and several members of that body.

Miss Hawley's position as chairman of the national auxiliary is one of responsibility and trust. It is next in importance, it is said, to that of national president. Miss Hawley is talented, and has executive ability of a high order, which fit her for the responsible position she was elected to fill.

MACCABEE NOTES.

Golden Rule Tent, No. 2, has named their new hall, No. 430 Ninth Street northwest, Golden Rule Hall.

A special effort is being put forth by the State commander to enlist the membership of this, the fifty-second anniversary of Mr. Goodwin's birth, the twenty-fifth anniversary of your happy wedding, and the day of your installation in the best order in the world, I wish to present you with this set of silver in behalf of your friends and brothers. We cannot express exactly what we felt because of the dearth of words even of our orator, Mr. Griffin. So we hope that you will take the deed as an expression of the intent. Further utterance is impossible, as our hearts overflowed into our mouths and our flow of words. This silver service, a memento of your silver wedding, is inscribed with the letter G, which stands for Good and Goodwin, synonyms."

The month of October promises to be the banner month of the district. Each tent in the District will admit new members. Maccabee Temple on Ninth Street has been undergoing repairs and is being very much improved.

Capital Tent, No. 3, had an innovation at its reviews. It has arranged through its entertainment committee, to have refreshments at the last review in each month. On the occasion of the last review instead of having them served in the tent, all repaired to a Chinese restaurant. The Maccabee delegates came out with flying colors at the National Fraternal Congress. Supreme Commander D. P. Markey was reappointed chairman of the committee on statistics and the good of the order; Supreme Counselor ex-Commander D. A. Aiken was reappointed chairman of the insurance commission; committee; Supreme Editor Ed. I. Young was reappointed a member of the committee on fraternal press; Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister was reappointed a member of the committee on constitution and laws, and Supreme record keeper. Miss Hina M. West was reappointed chairman of the committee on fraternal ethics.

Judge James E. Truesdale, a prominent Indiana Maccabee, has been nominated for Congress in the natural gas district. Says the "Bee Hive": "A very practical suggestion comes to us from Mount Vernon Tent 4, District of Columbia. This tent appoints a special 'hustle' committee of one to look after every twelve members of the tent, to see that the said twelve members fully understand the time of reviews, when assessments are due, etc. It is made the duty of this special committee to also inform its class of twelve regarding the plans of the tent for increasing its membership. It is a capital idea."

Notes from State Commander Gall's last report to the official organ, K. O. T. M.: "Georgetown Tent 6, would have all the world and the rest of mankind know that it is capable of taking care of itself. From this time henceforth No. 6 will be a growing tent. * * * Capital



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MACCABEE LADIES.

The attention of the commanders of subordinate hives has been called to the following section of supreme hive laws, providing for auditors:

Section 142—The auditors shall consist of three members, and shall be appointed by the commander at the first regular review after her installation, and their term of office shall be for the same length of time as that of the commander, subject to removal at any time for inattention to the duties of their office. They shall on the first day of January in each year, or within ten days thereafter, present to the hive a duly prepared report and balance sheet, showing the condition of the several funds, at the close of the outgoing year, or make a similar report quarterly or semi-annually, as the by-laws of the hive may provide, or as the hive may by resolution require. They shall also examine and when found correct approve all bills against the hive.

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SUPERIOR LODGE.

Superior Lodge, No. 27, Knights of Pythias, has arranged the following schedule for the next quarter: The rank of page will be worked on Saturday, October 4, and Saturday, November 15; rank of esquire on Saturday, October 18, and Saturday, December 6; rank of knight on Saturday, November 1, and Saturday, December 20. Knights Harry Cope and Warren J. Coffin have been elected to serve as master of finance and inner guard, respectively for the next year.

MYRTLE LODGE.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 25, K. of P., worked the third in the amplified form before a good attendance. After the initiation refreshments and cigars were served, and the members and visitors enjoyed the lodge's hospitality to the fullest extent. Myrtle Lodge continues to keep up the record for excellent work all ranks, and there is an air of fraternity and sociability in Myrtle castle hall that makes all feel welcome. Past Chancellor Samuel W. Edmunds (now on Jay work at the Government Printing Office) is again regular in attendance, and the feasts of oratory are worth going miles to hear, are the reports that reach Pythian circles.

PYTHIAN POINTS.

The Pythian General Fair Committee met at headquarters in the Warbler building last night. The various chairmen all reported progress, and the fair promises to be a complete success. The exact date of the fair is, however, still in some doubt.

Superior Lodge, No. 27, conferred the first last night. A number of candidates passed to the rank of page. This lodge is arranging to celebrate its fifth anniversary. It has had but one death since its organization.

Chancellor Commander Elmer E. Simpson greeted a large number of visitors at Century Lodge Thursday night. This lodge has had a very good year, and now ranks nearly at the head in point of membership.

THE FRATERNAL CONGRESS.

The National Fraternal Congress is now excellently officered, J. A. Langford, of the Royal Arcanum, being president, Edwin O. Wood, of the Loyal Guard, vice president, and M. W. Sackett, of the A. O. U. W., secretary and treasurer. The Congress at its recent session reaffirmed its previous action touching the desirability for uniform legislation; reinforced the congress table of mortality, but voted to eliminate from the bill prepared by the Congress that clause fixing July 1, 1905, as the date when all orders must put in force rate schedules based on such mortality tables.

The annual report of the committee on statistics and good of the order says: The average number of lives expected in 1905, as reported was 2,865,550. The expected number of deaths by the standard of this Congress was 19,303. The actual number of deaths reported by the thirty-seven orders under observation was 18,819, the actual being 97.63 per cent of the expected. "These conditions," says the report, "seem to show in a most remarkable degree that the Congress is quite fully justified in its action in adopting this standard. We are advised that the actual experience of the companies using other standards does not so nearly approach the expected—that there is a very much greater margin. Our observations during the past two years quite clearly indicate that our standard is none too high. We shall probably have a further report on this subject to submit before the session closes. During the year 1901 letters of the orders represented made radical changes in their rates, and so far as we are advised none have suffered seriously as a result. In some cases there were conditions vastly improved—not only far as their finances are concerned—but in the matter of new members as well.

"Your committee, as well as the whole fraternal world, has noted with genuine interest and approval the advancement by such orders as have made changes in the right direction, our only regret in most instances being that such changes did not go farther; that they did not go to the full limit of requirements, thus avoiding the necessity of further changes in the same direction in the near future. In the judgment of your committee, the most important event in the fraternal world, since last we met, was the publication of the plan of readjustment, adopted by the committee appointed for that purpose, by the Modern Woodmen of America.

Whether we may agree with the committee as to the plan submitted, or not, we think the step rate, modified as proposed, is better than a level rate or not, we must all agree that the order, through its present administration, is moving in the right direction, and we believe that we voice the sentiment of this Congress when we commend the action taken by the present official management of that order, and at the same time earnestly express the hope that such action may result in a readjustment of its conditions to the conditions of today, in some respects the greatest example of successful and substantial fraternal co-operation in the world.

We note with great satisfaction the substantial progress so many of these orders are making; that the great work of this congress in its efforts to impress upon the orders here affiliated—not only the necessity—but the value of the sentiment of adjusting conditions so that contributions will be both equitable and adequate to the risk assumed.

THE GOLDEN CROSS.

Grand Commander E. J. Pattee, of the United Order of the Golden Cross, has issued a circular letter to the different commanderies in his jurisdiction, giving dates of the official visits of the grand commandery. Interesting programs have been arranged by the fifteen subordinate commanderies located in the District of Columbia, which will entertain the grand officers on the following dates: Mount Vernon Commandery, No. 440, Monday, October 20; Meridian Commandery, No. 178, Friday, October 24; National Commandery, No. 346, Monday, October 27; Potomac Commandery, No. 434, Tuesday, October 22; St. John's

Commandery, No. 32, Saturday, November 1; Standard Commandery, No. 733, Tuesday, November 4; Halcyon Commandery, No. 128, Friday, November 7; Ideal Commandery, No. 738, Wednesday, November 12; Golden Commandery, No. 712, Wednesday, November 19; Capital Commandery, No. 323, Saturday, November 22; Columbia Commandery, No. 374, Tuesday, November 25; Goodwill Commandery, No. 21, Wednesday, November 28; Anacostia Commandery, No. 423, Wednesday, December 3; Trinity Commandery, No. 522, Saturday, December 6; Resolute Commandery, No. 510, Tuesday, December 9.

Grand Commander Pattee reports that perfect harmony prevails in the order wherever it exists, and that earnest work is being done to increase its membership, with marked measure of success. This is one of the oldest fraternal insurance orders in the United States, and has disbursed more than \$7,000,000 to the beneficiaries of deceased members.

SHIELD OF HONOR.

Iris Lodge, No. 50, held an interesting open meeting in honor of the seventh anniversary of the union of Iris and Mount Vernon Lodges. The occasion was made interesting by the presentation of Brother J. H. Allen of a silver past master's jewel. In making the presentation Brother Soverbutts dwelt upon the long and faithful services rendered to the lodge by Brother Allen and expressed the hope that the lodge would have the benefit of his services for a long time to come. There was a large and enthusiastic audience present, and the lady friends of the lodge were out in good numbers. A fine musical program was rendered by the following ladies and gentlemen: Miss Beale Hart, vocal selection, accompanied by Prof. Salsman; piano solo by Miss Ada Doyle; instrumental selections, banjo, guitar, and harp, Messrs. Downs, Handy, and Hollidge; selection upon the auto-harp by Mr. Kailer; vocal selection by Mrs. Fitzhugh, followed by recitations by Brother Hancock, of Iris Lodge, and Brother Pierson, of Columbia Lodge. Those recitations of the "Watermelon" was well received; recitations by Miss Ira Kotman, Miss Ella Holmes, Miss Dowden, Miss Lulu Brown, and Miss L. Downs. The good of the order committee is to be congratulated upon the fine program arranged.

Brother Pierson informed the audience of the intention of the lodge to organize a ladies' auxiliary in the near future, and invited the co-operation of the ladies present. Brother Newhall also spoke effectively.

Refreshments were served during the course of the evening.

THE ROYAL ARCANUM.

That the friends of the Royal Arcanum, and of Ouray Council, No. 1890, in particular, are legion was demonstrated Monday night, when that council gave its fifth "ladies night" at its hall in Northeast Temple. There were about 400 people present, and the excellent program of musical and literary numbers was fully enjoyed. These entertainments are given quarterly, and each succeeding one proves more successful than that preceding. Ouray Council, No. 1890, is the youngest council of the District, being only a year old, but in point of membership is well up the list of eight councils in this jurisdiction. The governing principles of the Royal Arcanum are virtue, mercy, and charity, and these "ladies' nights" are for the purpose of interesting those who attend in its commendable work. As a means of increasing the membership of the order they have proved most satisfactory.

The following artists volunteered their services: Overture, Rebew Orchestra, twenty-three pieces, under the direction

of Mr. H. W. Weber; fancy dances, Miss Esther Lohrer; comic and sentimental selections, Mr. J. Everett Baker; mandolin and banjo selections, Miss Minnie E. Sangston and Messrs. McEalt and Saunders; "Bathing Song," Misses Helen Berens, Leonora Ackman, and Amy Ackman; selection, Rebew Orchestra; recitation, Mr. James W. Pearson; selections, Columbia Quartet, Messrs. Samuel Skinner, Ernest O'Neill, William Soper, and Elmer Clark; song, "Ain't It a Shame," Miss Henrietta Berens; selection, Rebew Orchestra; piano and mandolin selections, Miss Minnie Sangston and Mr. William R. Saunders; song, "Won't You Play House With Me?" Misses Esther Lohrer and Henrietta Berens; piano solo, Miss Beale Killigan, "Boston House March," Rebew Orchestra. The last-named number was composed by Mr. E. N. Howell, of Ouray Council, and made one of the hits of the evening.

The entertainment committee is also indebted to the Rebew Orchestra for the enjoyable music furnished by its twenty-three members.

The numbers contributed by little Misses Esther Lohrer, Helen Berens, Henrietta Berens, Leonora Ackman, and Amy Ackman were bright and especially enjoyed. These little girls are pupils of Miss Cora Shreeves, who accompanied them on the piano.

SONS OF ST. GEORGE.

The Grand Lodge committee gave an entertainment and services in the Confederate Veteran Hall, Eleventh and E Streets northwest, Thursday evening. Although the weather was anything but favorable there was a goodly number present. Promptly at 8:30 Mr. B. B. Buckley took the chair, and introduced the talent to the assembly. The following program was thoroughly enjoyed and the artists were vigorously applauded:

Orchestra medley, Brown's Band; Bro. T. G. Hill, song; Bro. Tom Collins, song; F. G. Boswell, piano solo; L. A. Scantlebury, Jr., bass solo; Edwin Thorne, recitation; Mrs. T. G. Hill, song; Thomas Collins, song, "Two-penny Hop"; J. Edwin Browne, imitation of his first appearance on any stage; William Scantlebury, recitation, "Casey at the Bat"; Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hill, duet. Dancing followed until 12 o'clock, closing with the Virginia reel. Refreshments were served during the evening. Past President R. B. Buckley drew the attention of those present to the objects of the order, calling upon those eligible to give in their names and become members of either the Sons or the Daughters of St. George.

The refreshments were in charge of the daughters. Light refreshments were dispensed by Bro. Toogood.

THE FORESTERS.

During the twenty-one years of its existence the Independent Order of Foresters has disbursed to widows and orphans the sum of \$11,500,000 and now has a surplus of \$5,000,000 on hand. An increase of \$2,000 in the salary of Dr. Oronhyatkeha, Independent Order of Foresters, was refused by that officer at the supreme court session in Los Angeles, Cal.

MODERN WOODMEN.

Fifteen thousand dollars will be spent in the entertainment of the Modern Woodmen at their next Head Camp convention to be held in Indianapolis in June, 1903. An entertainment committee is already at work raising the funds.

THE BEST PEOPLE.

Washington Lodge, B. P. O. E., gave a fine smoker Wednesday night. The talent was out in quantity, and the Best People foregathered in large numbers.



JERRY A. MATTHEWS.

One of the most genial and popular newspaper men in Washington is Jerry A. Matthews, long a prominent correspondent here and subsequently assistant receiver of the Globe National Bank, at Boston. Mr. Matthews represented the "Chicago News" and the "Indianapolis News" here with great ability for ten years. Then he resigned from the interesting but relatively unprofitable occupation of newspaper writing to become an assistant receiver of the Globe Bank, before mentioned. From this position he transferred himself to that of secretary of the Hon. C. W. Fairbanks, which he has filled with capacity and energy for some years. In addition to his intelligent work as secretary, he is managing in the general secretarial sense, Senator Fairbanks' candidacy for the Presidential nomination. Mr. Matthews is a popular member of several fraternal societies, notably Superior Lodge, No. 27, Knights of Pythias, of Washington.

UNITED ACTION ASKED.

At the opening of the twentieth century Irishmen should open a new era. The folly of dissension should now be fully known. If we read history intelligently we should profit by the successes and avoid the errors of the ancients. Our great stumbling block heretofore has been dissension. The mission of the A. O. H. is to unite our people, to avoid dissension, to instill into the minds of our members a respect for constituted authority and a proper regard to the part of the minority for majority rule. We all aim at the same result, but perhaps may differ as to how that result may be brought about.

People aiming at the same result should always be friends, never enemies. If this much-to-desired result is to be brought about we must follow only the motto of our beloved order—Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. Under this banner there is room enough—there is glory enough for all. While we recognize that this motto may be repugnant to the interests of a Cromwell, a Caesar, or a Napoleon, yet the sooner our people realize that this order is engaged in the upbuilding of a race not only at home but abroad, and is not conducted for the interest of individuals, then the sooner the mission of the A. O. H. will be understood. We struggle for the success of our race and for the advancement of our order as the best means of uniting and educating our people, believing that by this course the mother country will reach the proud position in the family of nations which Providence has destined her to fill.

Whatever remains to be done for Ireland and Irishman (and it is much) can never be done by generals alone. There must be some below that rank. If, however, we can present, when the interests of our race require it, at home or abroad, a united front, all our people intent upon the same result and with one voice asserting our rights, we believe that voice would be most potent in advancing the interests of our race.

We desire to prevent the denationalization of Ireland, to restore her language, literature, and nationality. History shows that the destruction of the language of a people is the first step taken by conquerors. We propose to restore the language of Ireland, and to that end the Deaver convention contributed liberally to the Gaelic League, to promote the teaching of the Irish language.

In the higher education of our people the A. O. H. has done much in the past, and will continue the good work. We should also do all in our power to encourage and advance our young men in their chosen walks of life, knowing that the greater the number of prominent men we have the greater will be the influence of our people, and the greater will be the respect paid them.

To bring about that unity we recommend, first, education. Let this be brought about through our order. Let the demands, the needs, the aspirations of the Irish people be brought before the meetings of our divisions by able and eminent men in whom our people have confidence. Let such men discuss the needs of Irishmen at home and abroad. Let us now conduct a campaign of education. We should show to our younger members what Irishmen were, are, and will be in the future.

To that end it is recommended that exercises of a literary character should be conducted in every division whereasever located, especially during the winter months. These exercises should cover nothing that is degrading to Irish character. The resolutions adopted at the Denver convention will indicate the class of exercises of a literary character which are barred. There is much in Irish character, literature, and language which can well engage and does engage the attention of the most learned, and the days are past when Irishmen must submit to such foul caricatures of their race as we sometimes see on and off the stage.

We sincerely hope and devoutly wish that each meeting of every division of the A. O. H. will always be an occasion of enjoyment and instruction to our members. For we believe that the number of conducting meetings is most conducive to the results toward which true Hibernians should aim.

The object and aims of our order naturally incline Irishmen toward it, and now that we have an initiation ceremony interesting, instructive, and second to no other, this organization can be made, and each division of it can be made, and should be made a place where any person, and particularly the young men, may go for instruction and social pleasure. Favored as we are by the hierarchy, clergy, and those in high and influential places, no one need be ashamed, but all must be proud of belonging to the ranks of the A. O. H.

This order being, as it is, the greatest Irish society ever organized, can, with the co-operation and assistance of all our members, be made still greater, and we should exhaust every effort to accomplish that end.

JAMES E. DOLAN, National President, Ancient Order Hibernians.

THE MINUTE MEN.

It is a source of considerable satisfaction to the friends of the Minute Men that the Monday night meetings of the First Regiment, at its headquarters, 339 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, are creating a great deal of enthusiasm among the officers of the organization.

At the last meeting of the regiment, Col. M. A. Winter made the announcement that stands were being erected at headquarters from which to view the Tuesday and Wednesday G. V. A. R. parades.

These stands are under cover and are so located as to afford an admirable view of the members of the regiment, or members of other families, and social parties, consisting of coffee and sandwiches, will be served to the guests after the parade.

The following assignments and transfers are announced: "First Lieutenant Charles S. Wheeler, Company A, transferred to the staff department, and assigned inspector of rifle practice on the staff of the First Regiment, with rank of captain, same to take effect September 22, 1902.

"Thomas W. Buckley is hereby assigned to the command of Company C, First Battalion, with rank of captain, to date from September 22, 1902.

"First Lieutenant James F. Thompson, Company D, assigned command of Company F, with rank of captain, dated September 30, 1902.

"Clarence E. Huck assigned second lieutenant, Company F, Second Battalion, to date from September 30, 1902.